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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The references were cited in a corresponding European Search Report and their relevance are discussed therein. A copy of the European Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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Please note the reference **JP 2002-008650** listed on the attached European Search Report was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2006.

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